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In re Application of  
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NOTICE OF APPEAL AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals the Final Rejection, dated July 9, 2003, of all claims in this application.

In view of the Examiner's specific comment in the Advisory Action, mailed December 5, 2003, it is believed that only a one month extension is required and that extension is most respectfully requested.

A credit card authorization for the Appeal and Extension Fees is attached.

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